**Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Marathwada**

366. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for setting up of telephone exchanges in Marathwada particularly in Parbhani, Manmad, Aurangabad and Nanded Districts during 1990 and 1991;

(b) whether the target has been fully achieved and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the target fixed for setting up of telephone exchange during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Of the 14 exchanges proposed for replacement/expansion in Parbhani, Manmad, Aurangabad and Nanded during 1990-91, four exchanges could not be commissioned due to non-availability of equipments. These were ILT 512 exchanges at Jintur and Paithan in Parbhani & Aurangabad districts respectively & 128 port C-DOT exchanges at Tamsa & Kalamnuri in Nanded and Parbhani Districts respectively. The achievements during 1990-91 were as under:--

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of district* | *No. of Exchanges replaced/ expanded* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Parbhani | 4 |
| 2. | Manmad | Nil |
| 3. | Aurangabad | 4 |
| 4. | Nanded | 2 |

(c) The target for replacement/expansion of exchanges during 1991-92 are as under:

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of district* | *No. of exchanges to be replaced/ expanded* | *Net addition of switching capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Parbhani | 12 | 1190 |
| 2. | Manmad | Nil | Nil |
| 3. | Aurangabad | 14 | 3189 |
| 4. | Nanded | 12 | 608 |

**Dowry Deaths in Delhi**

367. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in connection with the dowry and dowry deaths registered in Delhi during the last six months; and

(b) how many cases have been withdrawn by the parties and in how many cases culprits were punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) 301 cases relating to dowry and dowry deaths were registered during the period under reference.

(b) No conviction has been made nor any case withdrawn.

**Indo-Bangladesh Talks on River Waters**

368. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral talks between India and Bangladesh on sharing of river waters were held in April 1991; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Secretary level talks on river water sharing were held in April, 1991.

(b) It was agreed to attach priority for sharing of the flows of the Ganga and Tista. It was further agreed that a Joint Technical Team would visit the areas in India and Bangladesh dependent on the Ganga flows to be shared for assessing the relevant ground situation and for sharing of Tista waters. Bangladesh side would formulate a draft operation plan for further discussions.

**Indians Killed in Recent Civil War in Ethiopia**

369. SHRI V. S VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether a number of people of Indian origin were either killed or maimed during the recent civil war in Ethiopia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of people of Indian origin were evacuated from that country during the crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Security Arrangements for Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi**

370. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the security arrangements made for the former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhi at Sriperumbudur;

(b) when was the SPG withdrawn from the security of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi; and

(c) the details of threat perception to his life at time of the withdrawal of SPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The arrangements for the security of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi at the public meeting at Sriperumbudur were made by the Tamil Nadu Govt./Police. The nature of the security arrangements are the subject matter of a Judicial Enquiry.

(b) SPG was withdrawn from the security of Shri Rajiv Gandhi from 10-2-1990.

(c) According to the information, the threat to the security of Shri Rajiv Gandhi at the time of withdrawal of SPG was very high.

**Action Against Militants in Jammu & Kashmir**

371 SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants killed and captured, separately, during 1990-91 in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) the number of militants in detention as on 1 April, 1990 and 1 April, 1991;

(c) the number of persons arrested or detained or taken into custody during 1990-91 for interogation and the number of persons, out of them, released after interrogation;